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Applicants: Bakshi, et al.

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MELANOCORTIN-4 RECEPTOR AGONISTS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species Requirement dated June 10, 2003, for which a response is due by July 10, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse the species defined by Example 2 on page 75 of the specification in confirmation of the oral telephonic election made with Examiner Seaman on June 23, 2003.

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